



**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
REPORT TO THE 2018 LEGISLATURE**

**RESPONSE TO ACT 8 (2007)  
SPECIAL SESSION, PART 1, SECTION 7(C)**

**Return of Out-of-State Inmates**

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The Department of Public Safety (PSD) continues to make every effort to comply with the requirement in Act 8 to return inmates housed in contracted private facilities on the mainland within one year of their parole or release date. PSD has implemented screening mechanisms to ensure that qualified inmates are returned to Hawaii's correctional facilities in a timely manner. Qualified inmates are measured by the completion of all recommended programs, misconduct-free records, and minimum custody levels.

From November 2016 to October 2017, PSD brought 348 qualified inmates back to Hawaii for parole, Sex Offender Treatment program, or work furlough participation.

The following table shows the number of inmates who were within 1 year of their parole hearing date and not returned in 2017, by category:

Non-compliance in programs (i.e., Refusal of programs, termination of programs)	233
High/Greatest category misconducts within last 18 months	140
Escape history within past 7 years that precludes minimum custody housing	70
Detainers (i.e., Immigration, Federal, State) that preclude minimum custody housing	27
Refusal of work furlough programs & parole; (wants to max out)	59
Pending parole release to another state other than Hawaii (Interstate transfer)	28
Pending available bed space at furlough program	65
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>622</b>

PSD strives to transition the mainland inmates and fill all of the minimum bed spaces at the Waiawa Correctional Facility and Kulani Correctional Facility minimum security facilities, however, inmates incurring misconducts that result in higher custody levels are not eligible for transfer back to Hawai'i minimum security facilities.

It should be noted that PSD began an upgrade renovation of the Halawa Correctional Facility in March 2017, which required that the affected modules be vacated during the renovation period. This resulted in the temporary movement of 248 inmates to the mainland, increasing the population housed at the Saguaro facility from 1,384 to 1,622. The renovation project is scheduled to be completed sometime in October 2018, and the 248 inmates will be returned to the upgraded Halawa facility soon thereafter.

Although, both bed and program space in our Hawaii correctional facilities are limited, PSD has maintained a proactive approach to bringing inmates back to Hawaii in a timely manner, and continually strives to achieve the goals and objectives of Act 8.

PSD will continue its proactive approach to return its qualified inmates back to Hawaii within a year of their tentative parole date.